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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: US, SO

SUBJECT: US/SOMALIA MILITARY RELATIONSHIP

1. DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS HERE ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED BY INTELLIGENCE WHICH INDICATES CONTINUED AND PERHAPS EVEN INCREASED GSDR MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THE WSLF. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE EVIDENCE IS NOT CONCLUSIVE, BUT GIVEN RECENT HISTORY, IT IS CAUSING SECOND THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF US ARMS FOR SOMALIA, AND BOTH THE IMPACT PACKAGE AND THE SURVEY TEAM ARE ONCE AGAIN IN QUESTION.

2. WE HAVE INTERPRETED SIAD'S ASSURANCE THAT SOMALIA WOULD "REFRAIN FROM THE USE OF FORCE AGAINST ANY COUNTRY" TO MEAN THAT HE WAS WILLING TO LIVE IN PEACE

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WITH HIS NEIGHBORS, SOMETHING WITH WHICH THE SUPPLY OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO OGADEN INSURGENTS IS NOT CONSISTENT. HIS RESPONSE TO YOUR RECENT DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT IS NOT REASSURING: WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HE DOES NOT CONTROL THE WSLF, HE OBVIOUSLY DOES CONTROL WHAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT DOES WITH ARMS AND AMMUNITION AVAILABLE TO IT.

3. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF OUR DECISIONS ON THE FUTURE OF A MILITARY RELATIONSHIP, WE STILL HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE GSDR TO ORIENT ITSELF TOWARD CONFRONTATION WITH ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS RATHER THAN TOWARD CONFRONTATION WITH ETHIOPIA OR KENYA. IF, THEREFORE, YOU CAN THINK OF ANY SIGNIFICANT AID PROJECTS WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE AND WHICH MIGHT SERVE AS SYMBOLS OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA, PLEASE RECOMMEND THEM TO US.

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